

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is another sign of how much understanding of democracy has been lost in this country.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. And maintain the ideal of equal time spent on all issues.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please establish a better way to regulate these instances of obvious political bias in the future if you can do nothing now. If you can do something, stop Sinclair! This is a disgraceful use of the airwaves, and you should be protecting this country's media and citizens. Thank you.